



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Weed FFS Fuels Treatment Projects		
PROJECT LOCATION	300 Hwy 97 Weed, CA 96094 Legal Description: T. 41N R. 05W, S. 2, SW ¼, MDB&M Approximately 1 mile N of Weed, CA	COUNTY	Siskiyou
LEAD AGENCY	Siskiyou Unit (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project area is 13 acres of uneven-aged mixed conifer species which include Ponderosa pine, white fir and incense-cedar. The understory is composed of isolated occurrences of brush and grasses in addition to pine duff surface fuels. Boles Creek flows through the southern portion of the property. Average elevation is approximately 3300 feet and the topography is nearly flat except for a bench above Boles Creek. The property is owned by the State of California and is operated as a year-round, 24/7 CAL FIRE station.

The project is designed to reduce fuels and treat vegetation to lower the risk and severity of wildfire. The project will involve removal of vegetation and broadcast burning. Hand crews will be utilized to remove herbaceous plants, thin understory trees 8" DBH or less, remove snags if they pose a life safety threat, prune the limbs of leave trees to a height of 6 to 8 feet above the ground and treat existing ground fuels between 2 and 5 inches in diameter. Flammable, organic material generated by treatment activities will be placed into manageable piles no larger than 6 feet in height and 8 feet in diameter and burned during safe climatic conditions. Burn piles will be placed as far as possible from remaining trees. Broadcast burning of surface fuels throughout the project area may be conducted during safe climatic conditions to lower increased fuel loads. No mature, scenic, healthy trees will be removed during treatment activities.

EXEMPTION STATUS

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 | Pursuant to §15304, Minor Alterations to Land. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Statutory Exemption (state code section): | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a)) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)) | |

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits within the above-listed Categorical Exemption listed in the CEQA Guidelines. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. CAL FIRE has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems.

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